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SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL TO  
SECRETARY CLINTON

¶1. The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Kamalesh Sharma, sent the following congratulatory message to Secretary of State Clinton dated February 03, a copy of which post received on February 06. The original letter will be sent via diplomatic pouch.

¶2. Text of Commonwealth Secretary-General Sharma's letter to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton:

BEGIN TEXT

Dear Secretary of State,

On behalf of the Commonwealth and myself, I write to offer my warmest congratulations on your assumption of office as Secretary of State in the United States Government.

Your appointment to this high office is a reflection of your wide-ranging experience in policy making, especially in the arena of international affairs, and your qualities of leadership. We are in the throes of a world reshaping itself and the support of the United States to enlightened collective approaches will be pivotal to

defining our shared future. I wish you all strength and success in this historic challenge.

The United States and the 53 member states of the Commonwealth share many values and objectives, and I look forward to working in partnership with you and your team to advance them. I hope that I will have the opportunity of calling on you when I next visit Washington, to apprise you of our important work of mutual interest and explore areas of potential partnership.

Please accept, Madam Secretary of State, my best wishes and the assurances of my highest consideration.

With high regards,  
/s/  
Kamalesh Sharma

HE Ms. Hillary Rodham Clinton  
Secretary of State  
The State Department  
Washington DC  
United States of America

END TEXT

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